

MRS. INNES BREAKS DOWN, BUT SOON RECOVERS.

Bandmaster's Wife Becomes Hysterical During Cross-Examination in Her Husband's Divorce Suit.

Under the vigorous cross-examination by Lawyer "Abe" Hummel Mrs. Georgie Innes broke down on the witness stand this afternoon. She was testifying in her own defense in the suit for divorce which Bandmaster F. N. Innes brought against her, now on trial before Justice Bischoff in the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Innes had admitted writing a letter in which she strongly expressed her love for Ernest H. Crowhurst, who is named as co-respondent, but declared she had written the letter for the sole purpose of arousing the jealousy of her husband. A letter which Crowhurst had written her, she declared, was obtained for the purpose of arousing her husband's jealousy.

It was while being cross-examined on these letters that Mrs. Innes broke down and was conducted from the stand in violent hysterics.

Justice Bischoff temporarily held the case in abeyance while the defendant was recovering her composure.

For two hours Mrs. Innes had withstood the attacks of the attorney for the plaintiff, but finally gave way. Later she recovered, but had not completed her story when court adjourned until Monday.

Mrs. Innes Takes the Stand.
Mrs. Innes took the stand at 11:20 o'clock.

In response to questions she began telling the jury her side of the story. "I was married to the plaintiff in 1887," she said.

"He was then manager of the band. I was an employee of the organization."

"What position did you hold?"
"I was the treasurer of the organization."

Mrs. Innes's testimony was vigorously opposed by the plaintiff's attorneys, and they held her answers to the narrowest possible limits.

The Court sustained the plaintiff in narrowing the inquiry to the specific case.

"Mrs. Innes, you heard the testimony of Detective Downey?"

"Yes."
"Is it true?"
"Absolutely false."

"Were you ever guilty of wrong-doing with Crowhurst?"
"Never, it is absolutely false."

Why She Met Crowhurst.
"Tell the circumstances of your meeting with Crowhurst in the Hotel Walton in November, 1898."

"I waited for him to see some of the witnesses in the case."

"How long did he stay in your room?"
"About twenty minutes."

"Why didn't you receive him in the parlor?"
"Because there was no privacy. It is a public parlor."

"Was there any crack in the door of your room?"
"There was not."

"How about the transom?"
"It was a very heavy thick glass transom covered with cloth."

"Tell the conversation you had with Crowhurst in your room?"
"I asked him to aid me in getting my affairs and in seeing my witnesses."

"Did he send his card to you before he came to your room?"
"He did, and I told the servant to send him up."

"Did you hear Downey's statement that all you wanted was alimony and that you loved Crowhurst?"
"Yes."

"Was it true?"
"Every word of it was an infamous lie!"

"Tell about the incident rapping at your door?"
"Some one knocked on the door. I went to the door and saw the detective."

Called It an Insult.
"I asked him what he wanted. He said the man in my room must come out. He said it was the rule of the hotel."

"Immediately went downstairs to ask the manager what he meant by this insult?"
"When did you see Downey again?"

"The evening I received a note signed by him saying he would like to see me."

"Mrs. Innes talked so rapidly in detailing the incident at the Hotel Walton that the jury could hardly follow her."

"Downey wanted to fix the matter up," she said, "and asked me if it could not be arranged. I told him no, that it could not be done."

"Did you leave the hotel then?"
"Not until Nov. 8."

"And Downey's statement is not true?"
"Absolutely false. His evidence was false."

Mrs. Innes identified her hotel bills showing she left the Walton on Nov. 8, 1898, and was asked to identify the letters of Feb. 10 and Nov. 22, and to explain how she wrote them.

"Did you ever see Crowhurst's writing before Nov. 22 to know it?"
"I never did."

"Tell the jury about letters?"
"I arranged to have the letters written. On Oct. 23, 1898, I went as far as Pittsburgh with Mr. Innes, when he ordered me back to New York. This was after one of our usual sessions."

"If object," shouted Mr. Hummel.
"But the defendant had already got the answer before the jury."

"Do you recognize these letters as having been sent to you by your husband?" asked Mr. Hoffman, handing her the letters.

"Instantly, instantly," responded Mrs. Innes. "I was very unhappy on account of these letters from Mr. Innes."

"State the circumstances under which these Crowhurst letters were written."

"I had done everything I could to save Mr. Innes. He thought he was the only person on earth. He treated me like a dog. In desperation I conceived the idea of a plot to bring him to his senses and to make him realize the enormity of my position."

"State how you met Crowhurst?"
"There was an attachment against Mr. Innes, and I received a letter from him about it."

Mr. Hummel had considerable trouble in the Supreme Court.



MRS. GEORGIE F. INNES.

getting the witness to withhold answers until he could get in objections.

Mrs. Innes then said:
"When I met Mr. Crowhurst I asked him if there was anything he could do to help me. He said no, and then I said I would like to get some one to write letters to me and have Mr. Innes find them. Finally I asked him if he would write them. He said he could not do so. He could not place himself in such a position. I told him I would kill myself. I had tried everything else."

"He told me that he knew the situation was intolerable and that he would think the matter over. Later I talked to him over the phone and urged him to write me something."

"Finally he did write me a letter. It was not the kind I wanted. There was nothing in it. I called him on the phone again and asked him to make it stronger. I told him I wanted it to be much stronger than that."

Then the witness identified the Crowhurst letters which are in the exhibits in the case.

"When did Mr. Innes return?"
"In December, 1899."

"What happened?"
"He accused me of entertaining men in my room. I said: 'That is the same old story.' I told him I would not stand it; that I would kill myself. He told me that he intended to get rid of me. Next day he left. Then I made up my mind that I would write some letters myself."

Tells About Threats.
"Tell about your next meeting with him."

"It was at his office. He told me to come to his office. I went over. He was at his desk. He said: 'Sit down and write what I dictate or I will blow your brains out. I have a loaded pistol in my desk.'"

"I said: 'You can kill me if you want to. That would be a good way out of it.'"

GONE FIVE YEARS.
When Coffee Left the Troubles Disappeared.

It is hard to make people understand that coffee really will do business for them if they stick to it long enough. It is almost a certainty that some little symptom of disease, stomach trouble or kidney or heart trouble caused by coffee drinking will ultimately develop into some fixed organic disease unless the cause of the disturbance is removed. An illustration may not be amiss.

A lady in Kearney, Neb., says: "I used coffee a great many years. Gradually my health broke down. I had dyspepsia and was extremely nervous. I passed many sleepless nights, but, like many others, did not know what was the cause of my invalidism."

"Finally the trouble centered into a fatty tumor just over the stomach and in the region of the heart, causing acute pain in the stomach and a spasmodic action of the heart. A surgical operation was deemed necessary, but after all the preparations were made a good, old, honest doctor said: 'I am sorry, but I cannot operate on a patient who is so nervous. A little longer and leave off coffee and take Postum and some Grape-Nuts Breakfast Food.'"

"I began on Postum, and had it made properly by long boiling, and found it delicious, and drank two cups the first morning. After two weeks I discovered a marked change for the better. In five months my supposed tumor had disappeared, my headaches were gone and digestion wholly restored. My heart only gave me trouble a few times. That was five years ago. I have been a steady user of Postum ever since, and am a new creature to-day. Am in strong and vigorous health and know exactly how to account for it."

"The ignorance of people on the subject of coffee is a constant wonder to me, although at one time, of course, I was just as much in the dark as any one could be, going along year after year putting into my body the poison that was killing me and never knowing it." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

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Admits She Wrote Love Letter to the Co-respondent, but Asserts It Was for the Purpose of Arousing the Jealousy of Her Husband.

"What is his first name?"
"Ernest," replied Mrs. Innes, after a slight hesitation.

"Did you ever commit any wrong against your husband?"
"I never did."

"And all the wrong there has been was on the part of your husband?"
"It positively has."

"Yet you hoped to make him a better man by inflaming his jealousy?"
"I hoped to do so."

"What did you mean by referring to an incident in St. Louis in one of your letters?"
"I had to be realistic."

"What does the incident refer to?"
"To a disagreement in the night."

"What did you mean by the line referring to the incident in the Hotel Walton, in which you wrote to Crowhurst: 'You have never been the same since the incident in the Walton?'"

"I meant to make it a realistic letter."

"A strong love letter?"
"I did," said Mrs. Innes, "just as strong as I could."

"Oh, my darling sweetheart, send me something you have kissed," read Mr. Hummel. "Did you mean that?"

"Just as I meant all the rest."

"Put a cross where you have pressed your lips," continued Mr. Hummel, "and I want about five crosses here. Do you make them?"

"I guess if they are there I did."

Mr. Hummel continued this line of cross-examination to the great delight of the big crowd in the court, which gasped and grinned.

"Isn't it a fact that you have known Crowhurst about six years?"
"Certainly not."

Mrs. Innes was asked how soon after the hotel incident in November, 1900, had she seen Crowhurst.

She replied that it was in January, 1901, in Philadelphia.

Asked if she had meantime written to him, she replied that she had written once to tell him she had received a letter from him.

Mrs. Innes identified two or three letters in the plaintiff's exhibit, which heretofore have not been made public.

Wanted More "Love" in It.
"After receiving these letters," said Mr. Hummel, "what did you do?"

"After reading the first one of Nov. 22, 1900, I called him up on the telephone and told him that the letter would not suit my purposes. I told him I wanted it more enthusiastic—more gushing. In fact—more loving, although I didn't say it just that way."

Nearly the entire time of the cross-examination was consumed in an exhaustive inquiry into the letter-writing.

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